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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 604
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A RESOLUTION to designate May, 2000, as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, every minute in the United States, someone experiences a stroke, with over 500,000 strokes occurring each year; and

WHEREAS, strokes are our nation's third leading cause of death, claiming countless American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, a stroke is the leading cause of adult disability; and

WHEREAS, strokes cost Americans more than 40 billion dollars annually in lost work hours and direct costs of care, thus creating enormous strains on the financial and emotional resources of affected families; and

WHEREAS, several stroke support groups have been established in Tennessee to address the need for treatment and to lend support to those affected citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation, the month of May is designated as "Stroke Awareness Month"; and

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WHEREAS, in observance of National Stroke Awareness Month, the state of Tennessee will join the National Stroke Association in a major initiative to educate the public about the dangers and prevention of strokes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate May, 2000, as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Tennessee, and encourage the public to become better educated about strokes and their symptoms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we further encourage persons to seek immediate attention when observing a loved one, co-worker or anyone else suffering from stroke symptoms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.